

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Leendert Sonneveld, et al.	§	Art Group: 3676
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	§	Examiner: Blake E. Michener
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Serial No.: 10/578,990	§	Confirmation No: 5125
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For: Apparatus and Method for Handling	§	
Pipe		

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

January 4, 2010

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Va. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is timely submitted in response to the Patent and Trademark Office Election Requirement Action mailed December 17, 2009, for which the shortened–statutory period for response is set to expire January 17, 2010. Consideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: